

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission
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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 31 Lincoln Street

Historic Name Alice Simonds House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1902-3

Source Lexington Minute-man, 1/10/1903

Style/Form Dutch Colonial

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates) 1989 - single-story add.
on west side

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 11,437 SF

Setting early 20th century residential area across from
Hayden Rec. Ctr.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) April 2000

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM (31 Lincoln Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at 31 Lincoln Street is a 1 3/4-story, wood shingled residence which rests on a stone foundation. Set with its broad side to the street the house is capped by a gambrel roof, now sheathed in asphalt shingles. Along the length of the front facade, the overhang of the roof provides shelter for a recessed porch which is supported by four Roman Doric columns. Wooden steps front the central two columns; on the adjacent sides the columns are spanned by simple stick balusters. The sidehall entrance retains its glass and raised panel door which also displays a dentil course under the window. Immediately adjacent to the door jamb is an elevated, diamond-paned window. Remaining windows on the house, including the other window sheltered by the front porch, are 1/1 doublehung units with diamond panes in the upper sash. The shed dormer spanning the front roof slope is punctuated by two smaller windows of the same configuration. On the east side, there is a three-sided, single-story bay window set above a stone foundation.

The west side elevation of the house is spanned by a single-story, flat-roofed addition set above a concrete foundation with a three-sided west wall. The addition is capped by a stick balustrade with square posts. The windows contain 1/1 sash. A wooden deck is located at the rear of the house.

A driveway extends along the east side of the house, terminating at a single-car, wood-shingled garage which is capped by a hip roof. There is an overhead garage door facing the street and two 6/6 windows on the side. Along the front lot line there is a wooden picket fence.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-man* on January 10, 1903 appears to tell the early history of this house. It indicates that Mrs. George Simonds who was then living on Adams Street had just purchased the attractive cottage on Lincoln Road, built on the property owned by the Hon. A.E. Scott. The article indicates that the house was not yet finished but that Mrs. Simonds would move in as soon as it was ready. The 1903 Valuation List indicates that Mrs. Simonds was assessed for a house on Lincoln valued at \$2800. The assessment was the same in 1904 suggesting the completion of the house.

Directories indicate that Alice Simonds continued to live here into the 1930s. Later owners included Eleanor Trowbridge who acquired the property from Ellen Trowbridge in 1948. The present owners purchased the property in 1981.

(See 277 Waltham St.,
MHC # 461).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Minute-man, 1/10/1903.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*